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Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention:
Chief of Station, Vienna

6 July 1951

Operational

Herbert KIHNE, Former SD Officer

1. Landseer 10, a West Austrian police official (subject of MA3-A-581, sent to [] but not to [] is personally acquainted with Herbert KIHNE who may be of interest to the [] Stations.
2. During World War II Herbert KIHNE worked for the SD in the Ukraine. In 1944 he returned to Germany and, realizing that the war was lost for Germany, he established contact with the Swiss IS through intermediaries unknown to Landseer 10. He finally fled to Switzerland and was permitted by (fau) KIHNE of the Swiss police to use a false identity in Switzerland in order to avoid extradition on war-crimes charges. KIHNE, however, started an affair with a married Swiss woman whose husband reported him to the police. In the subsequent Swiss police investigation, it was established that he had used a false identity and the whole matter became very embarrassing to KIHNE, who finally arranged for KIHNE's departure to Italy. On his way to Italy, again with false papers, KIHNE passed through Fregene where he called on Landseer 10, whom he had met during the war. KIHNE is at present residing in Udine.
3. Landseer 10 described KIHNE as a capable SIS officer with a great deal of experience in anti-Soviet operations.

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